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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

**HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING AND DISC ROTATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME**  
which is:

an ☒ Original; or

a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
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☐ This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No. ,  
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Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 16 pages (Japanese text).
- ☒ 16 sheets of drawings (formal).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet.
- ☒ Unexecuted Declaration (copy).
- ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- ☐ Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
- ☐ Computer readable copy ☐ Paper Copy ☐ Verified Statement.
- ☐ Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- ☒ Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of Application No(s). filed is/are filed:  
☐ herewith or ☐ in prior application .

- ☐ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and cited references.
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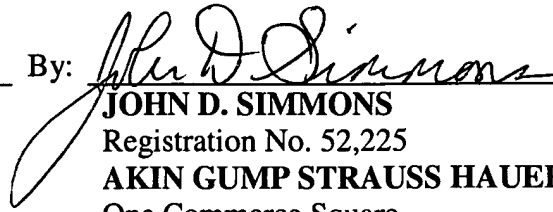
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